machinery has been permitted with an export obligation of 50% of total production.

Situation in BHEL

963. SHRI ASHIS SEN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the reasons for a no-order situation in the public sector unit, Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. ; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to keep this public sector unit functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) The inflow of orders for power generating equipment was inadequate due to paucity of investible funds with State Electricity Boards/Power Corporations.

(b) BHEL is taking the following steps to obtain more orders :

(1) Actively pursuing business participation with promoters of power projects in private sector including foreign companies through supply of equipment on deferred payment basis and limited scale financial packages.

(2) Joint working with reputed companies by formulating bids with consortium arrangements.

(3) Renovation and life extension of existing power stations.

(4) Greater thrust on exports by focussing on potential areas. A company wide programme to obtain ISO 9000 Quality certification is being pursued and some units have already been awarded this certificate.

Revival of sick SSI units in Uttar Pradesh

964. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that thousands of small scale industries in Uttar Pradesh are sick and need to be revived ; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to revive these sick industrial units in Uttar Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

According to the Reserve Bank of India as at the end of March, 1992, the number of sick small scale industrial units in Uttar Pradesh was 34150, out of which only 479 units have been found as potentially viable.

(b) Both Central and State Government take measures for revival of sick units. These are as under :—

(i) Issuance of detailed guidelines by RBI to all scheduled commercial banks in regard to rehabilitation of sick units.

(ii) A separate refinance scheme for rehabilitation (RSR) is being operated by SIDBI for revival of potentially viable sick SSI units. Rehabilitation assistance to SSI projects in U.P. sanctioned by SIDBI amounted to Rs. 95.97 lakh in respect of 11 units. SIDBI has also sanctioned equity type assistance of Rs. 3.81 lakh to 5 units in U.P. for rehabilitation under its National Equity Fund Scheme.

(iii) The State Govt. is also according top priority for revival and rehabilitation of sick SSI units. Under State Margin Money Loan Scheme 50% margin required